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ABSTRACT

This book, which was written for college students, outlines an approach to getting through college that centers on using the resources offered in an academic environment and applying them to workplace situations. Discussed in part 1 are ways of determining one's areas of interest, identifying college majors and careers consistent with those interests, selecting a career goal based on interests, and overcoming fears. Part 2 focuses on career planning strategies that make it possible to prepare for a future career while enjoying college and life. Among the career planning strategies and tools discussed in part 2 are the following: studying abroad, becoming an intern, finding mentors, participating in extracurricular activities, setting up informational interviews, finding college classes with big payoffs in the workplace, volunteering, becoming computer literate, and developing job interview skills. Examined in part 3 are the following fundamentals for success: focusing on issues of personal importance, making bold decisions, committing to making personal dreams come true, summoning the courage to break through failures, forming the habit of saving money on a regular basis, and being good to others. Appended is a list of tips for navigating the college system successfully and beating its imperfections. (MN)

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